Erection of barbed fencing along the Pakistan Border

†2163. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infiltration attempts by Pakistan trained terrorists into Indian territory alongwith the number of times the skirmishes took place with Pak rangers at the time of erection of barbed wire fencing on the borders; and

(b) whether work related to erection of barbed wire fencing has been completed on the borders, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The details of infiltration attempts foiled and terrorists killed by the security forces along the LoC and IB in Jammu & Kashmir are as under:

Year	Infiltration attempts foiled	Terrorists killed when infiltrating
2002	96	311
2003	08	16

There have been no physical skirmishes between our troops and Pakistani rangers during the construction of border fence.

(b) The progress of fencing on Indo-Pak border is as follows:-

Name of the State	Length of the border fenced so far (in kms.)	Status
Punjab	457.15	Work completed
Rajasthan	1048.27	Work completed
J & K	40	Work in Progress
Gujarat	54	Work in Progress

Educational scholarships to children of army employees by Coca Cola

2164. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Army have received an offer from the Coca Cola Company to give educational scholarships to children of army employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to utilise the offer fully as a welfare measure for the families of Army Jawans?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Coca Cola Company, India has made an offer to provide 500 scholarships of Rs. 5,000/- each to the children of Army personnel studying in Classes X to XII of Army Schools, being run by the Army Welfare Education Society, registered under the Societies Act. Applications will be called from the wards of army personnel and a list of children on merit cum means will be drawn up for consideration of award of scholarships.

News-items captioned 'Arms Deal in the making'

2165. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item in Frontline dated the 16th August, 2002 on 'Arms deal in the making'; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in this matter and the time-frame for induction of new artillery system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Various proposals to acquire state-of-the-art 155mm Artillery Guns are at present under consideration. No final decision has yet been taken in this regard.

Complaints received by Station Commander, Nasirabad

2166. SHRI MUNNAVVAR HASAN:
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Station Commander of Nasirabad in